

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Shigenobu NAKAMURA

Serial No. 10/573,238

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For: Multi-Layer Piezoelectric Element

Art Unit: Not assigned

Examiner: Not assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Before examination, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.